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West Lafayette city summit February 7
Mayor's state of the city address and volunteer recognition slated

West Lafayette, Ind. – January 31, 2011 – The City of West Lafayette invites the public to its first annual city summit, Monday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m., West Lafayette City Hall, 609 West Navajo St.

The agenda includes the state of the city address by Mayor John Dennis and presentation of the city's first annual volunteer recognition awards to five residents.

Dennis will outline areas of focus for 2011 and highlight 2010 achievements.

"I'll be talking about our plans for this year to complete infrastructure projects, enhance outdoor recreational opportunities and continue West Lafayette's high quality of life," he said.

"Our tally of successes includes boosting recycling by 4 percent, keeping our neighborhoods clean and safe by responding to more than 2,600 requests, and completing street improvements on Salisbury, Sycamore and Cumberland."

Volunteers who will be recognized for their contributions to the city are:

- Mike Koning, who has been eradicating graffiti for the city since 2008;
- Lynn Layden, a Master Gardener who chairs the West Lafayette Tree Fund and Beautification Committee and coordinates the Art in Bloom garden tours, among other activities;
- Wayne Merriman, who provides administrative and errand support to the West Lafayette Police Department;
- Sam Postlethwait, who provides weekly Celery Bog tours and contributes photographs and postcards for sale to benefit the Celery Bog Fund;
- Joan Mohr Samuels, who is active in numerous nature organizations and helped launch Wednesdays in the Wild nature programs, Friends of Celery Bog and Remove Invasive Plants (RIP) Squad.

The regular meeting of the West Lafayette Common Council will follow the summit, expected to last about 30 minutes.

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